GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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DUMPING OF CHEMICAL PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Asian giants dumping chemical products` appearing in `The Hindu` dated April 10, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the small chemical firms operating in India are adversely affected due to the availability of foreign chemical products in abundance; and

(d) if so, the measures being taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of these firms?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The article takes cognizance of the suggestion that small firms may adopt economies of scale and joint ventures with foreign companies. So far as anti-dumping duties on chemical products are concerned, such duties have been imposed on 22 different chemical products by the Government during 1995-96 to 1999-2000.

(c) & (d): The factors affecting the operations of the small chemical firms adversely could be manifold. Imposition of anti-dumping duties is an important measure to counter large scale dumping of chemicals. There is a prescribed procedure for filing anti-dumping petition to the Ministry of Commerce by the affected Companies.